

REMARKS

Claims 13-20, 22-29 and 31 are pending in the above-identified application.

Claims 13 and 22 are amended. Claims 13 and 22 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Claims 13 and 22 have been so amended and are therefore allowable.

Claims 14-20, 23-27 and 29 are allowable at least because they depend from an allowed base claim.

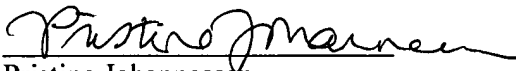
Claims 28, 29 and 31 were previously allowed.

Claims 1-12, 21 and 30 are cancelled without prejudice.

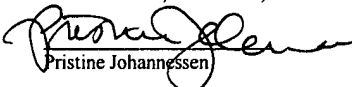
Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance and request reconsideration and allowance of the application with claims 13-20, 22-29 and 31.

Respectfully submitted,

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